

Robins bow to 10 happy Wanderers

CHELTONHAM TOWN 0
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1

CHRIS GARDNER'S 85th-minute header was kicked off the line by Bob Davies and bang went Cheltenham Town's F.A. Trophy replay hopes at Whaddon-road on Saturday, writes Derek Goddard.

It was a pity they had to lose, to a goal scored 17 minutes after they had been given what seemed a big advantage with the sending-off of Wycombe's Steve Hardwick.

Hardwick, a former Altrincham central defender, threw an off-the-ball punch at Norman Pemberton and his dismissal promised to help the Robins because his head had caused most of the problems when he moved up for corners.

And Wycombe forced plenty of those in the first half, without moving with the style and grace associated with the more powerful Isthmian League clubs.

Young Tim Harris, filling in for the cup-tied Dave Latchford, pulled out three or four worthy saves and for all their aggression, Wycombe did not give him too much work.

Red card

Cheltenham, after defending so stoutly in the first half, with Wayne Hams outstand-

ing, began to spread their wings after Hardwick had become possibly the last player to be shown a red card at Whaddon.

Alan Ollis threatened to do the trick when he burst through, but goalkeeper Gary Lester was well off his line and did well to tip the shot over.

Perhaps the most significant event of all was the Wycombe substitution of Gary Toll by Steve Long in the 65th minute.

Although they were, by then, down to 10 men, the whole team began to move better once Long was out there, and it was an awkward, low drive from him that brought the corner from which they scored.

Mick Hollifield's kick was back-headed at the near post by Davies, and Terry Glynn leaned back almost double and

just got his head to it for his 18th goal of the season.

Bounced up

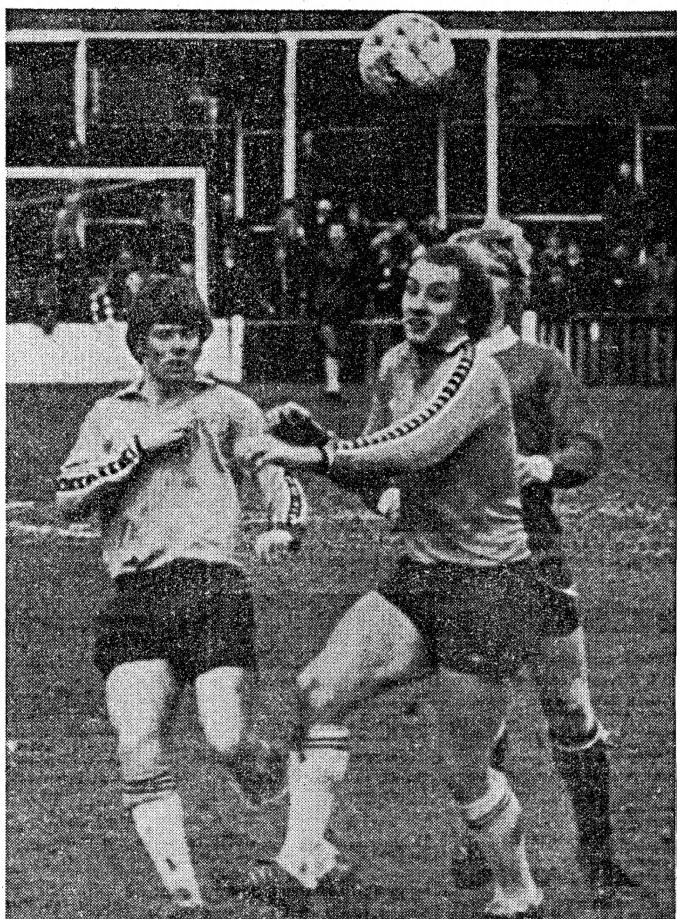
A magnificently-struck volley by Graham Mackenzie bounced up and over the bar off the shoulder of a flummoxed Lester, and from that corner, Gardner's header looked in until Davies's foot got in the way.

Overall, Cheltenham did everything that could have been asked of them (except win), and Wycombe's players went away with respect for them.

Referee: Mr. Frank Pardoe (Kidderminster).

Attendance: 862.

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Malcolm Dunning, at 32, the youngest member of Cheltenham's board of directors, has resigned because of heavy business commitments.



Wycombe's goal-scorer Terry Glynn (centre), gets in first with Cheltenham midfielder Paul Tester behind him at Whaddon-road on Saturday.